against various agencies for broadcast/telecast of their advertisements as on 30th June, 1993, is as under:—

All India Radio ... Rs. 2.21 crores

Doordarshan ... Rs. 18.67 crores

(b) Arrears are inherent in the system of accreditation of accreditation of advertising agencies and attending credit facility. The accredited agencies are entitled to a credit period of 45 days.

(c) All India Radio and Doordarshan are taking recourse to all the contractual provisions to ensure timely payment of dues, including encashment of bank guarantee/de-accreditation nof errant agencies, arbitration and legal action.

Preservation of tapes in Delhi Doordarshan

193. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lot of tapes on different occasions have been found in the dustbins in the Office of Doordarshan, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps government have taken to punish those found responsible for this; and

(d) what are the details regarding preserving and keeping proper account of tapes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 17 new video tapes of Doordarshan, Delhi were found in dustbin till the 8th of July, 1993.

(c) The matter is being entrusted to Delhi Police for further appropriate action.

(d) Stock Register is maintained for keeping account of tapes. It is also proposed to set up an Archive for preserving important tapes.

Loss to Doordarshan on account of "The World This Week" programme

194. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRMATI KAMLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshna incurred heavy loss on account of programme "The World This Week";

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss suffered by Doordarshan since the inception of the programme (year-wise) stating the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that producers had applied for time-slots for programmes on Doordarshan;

(d) if so, the reasons for not entertaining their offers; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The grant of an extension to the existing programme was considered more appropriate in view of its popularity amongst the viewers.

(e) Yes, Sir. The matter will be reviewed at an appropriate time.